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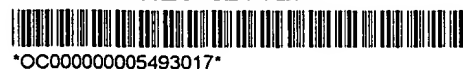
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
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# LETTER SUBMITTING INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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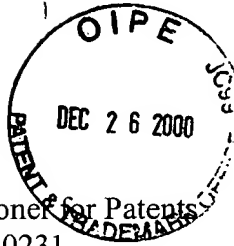
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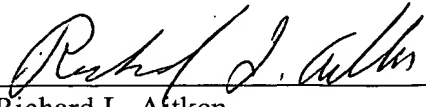
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 23, 2000, submitted herewith are:

- [X] Letter Submitting Inventor's Declaration;
- [X] Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63;
- [X] Surcharge fee of \$130.00;
- [X] Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed October 23, 2000;
- [X] Claim to priority and certified copy of Japanese Application No. 11-235547 filed on August 23, 1999;
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement; 1449 and three references;

TOTAL FEE SUBMITTED: \$130.00

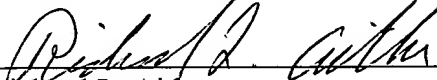
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The surcharge for responding to the Notice of Missing Parts of \$130 is submitted  
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